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SUBJECT: CONTINGENCY RESPONSE TO SOVIET PROTEST ON
ELECTION OF FEDERAL PRESIDENT

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1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH USE OF "DEFENSIVE BRIEF"
TALKING POINTS IN MANNER OUTLINED PARA ONE REFTEL A FOR
MAKING RESPONSE TO POSSIBLE SOVIET PROTEST AGAINST
PARTICIPATION BY REPRESENTATIVES OF WEST BERLIN IN THE
BUNDESVERSAMMELUNG. WE ALSO AGREE (PARA THREE REFTEL A)
THAT FRG, AND NOT ALLIES, SHOULD PROVIDE BURDEN OF
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DEFENSE AGAINST SOVIET PROTEST.

2. WE REQUIRE FOLLOWING CHANGES IN "DEFENSIVE BRIEF"
TEXT BEFORE GIVING OUR CONCURRENCE, NOWEVER:

(A) RE PARA (B) OF DRAFT TEXT: IN OUR OPINION IT WOULD
BE TACTICAL ERROR TO REFER TO "THE EXISTING SITUATION"
FROM FIRST PART OF QA, TO JUSTIFY PERMISSIBLE FEDERAL
ACTIVITIES RELATING TO BERLIN. THIS PHRASE CAN JUST AS
EASILY BE TURNED AGAINST US BY SOVIETS TO JUSTIFY MAIN-
TAINING RIGID STATUS QUO IN CITY, AND BLOCKING LEGITIMATE
FEDERAL ACTIVITIES OR PRESENCE IN WEST BERLIN, SUCH AS THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY. WE WOULD

PREFER TO SEE LANGUAGE OF DRAFT PARA (B) REPLACED WITH
FOLLOWING TIE-IN SENTENCE AND COMBINED WITH BEGINNING OF
PARA (C) OF DRAFT: BEGIN QUOTE. THE PARTICIPATION OF
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN IN THE
ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT (BUNDESVERSAMMLUNG) IS NOT
CONTRARY TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT.
UNQUOTE.

(B) RE PARA (C) OF DRAFT TEXT: WE WOULD PREFER TO SEE
LAST SENTENCE BEGINNING: "THERE IS THUS NO QUESTION..."
AND ENDING "...AND ITS ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS." DELETED
FROM TEXT. PARTICIPATION OF BERLIN REPRESENTATIVES IN
THE BUNDESVERSAMMLUNG IS NOT ADDRESSED IN THE QA.
WHILE IT IS CORRECT TO SAY, THEREFORE, THAT SUCH VOTING
IS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH ANY PROVISION OF THE QA, IT IS
PERHAPS MORE ACCURATE--AND MORE HONEST--TO SAY THAT SINCE
THE BUNDESVERSAMMLUNG CANNOT TAKE PLACE IN BERLIN, IT
IS A MATTER FOR FRG, AND NOT THREE POWER TO DECIDE WHERE
IT TAKES PLACE AND HOW IT IS STAGED AND CONDUCTED. KISSINGER

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